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25X1 8. [] As a followon to the arrangements made with Francis O. Wilcox, Executive Director, Commission on the Organization of the Government for the Conduct of Foreign Policy, on Friday, [] 25X1
25X1 accompanied by [] Special Security Staff, Office of Security, met with the Commission staff prior to Mr. Colby's briefing of the Commission in room S. 211 of the Capitol to brief the nonelected Commission members and to complete necessary security documentation. None of the Commission members were available either prior to Mr. Colby's briefing or upon conclusion of the session and in consequence necessary documentation was left with Thomas Reckford, of the Commission staff, for completion at the convenience of the members.

Reckford called later in the day and said a number of the Commissioners had balked at signing the security documentation. He said Mrs. Englehard took exception to the use of the phrase "Communist China" (which she found upsetting) and that the situation got "a little dicey" as a result of remarks by Senator Mansfield who appeared to be personally agitated. He asked that 25X1
[] who had briefed the staff so competently on Friday, be available at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in room S. 211 of the Capitol to brief the Commissioners prior to their morning session with Secretary Hall and Admiral dePoix.

25X1 9. [] Attended a meeting in the office of Maurice Ernst, D/OER; with [] C/USSR/Eastern Europe Division; 25X1
Joseph Feary, and Phil Thomas, from the International Division of Government Accounting Office. The meeting was a preliminary discussion to clarify a written request to Mr. Ernst from GAO as to the Agency's role and capabilities in contributing to Government decision making in matters involving short-supply control situations. Ernst explained in general our very minor and limited role. Feary appeared satisfied and indicated that he would not pursue the matter further with the Agency. (See Memorandum 25X1
for the Record by [])



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Mr. Maurice Ernst
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Dear Mr. Ernst:

This will advise you that the International Division of the General Accounting Office is reviewing the Government's system for administering short-supply control situations. Because of the expansiveness of this area we expect our review will necessarily involve discussions with and an examination of the records of several executive branch agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency.

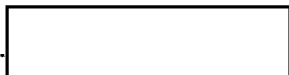
Our major areas of interest include agency capabilities to forecast, monitor, and analyze supply and demand for agricultural and industrial products, domestically and internationally; the mechanisms used to form policy and develop decisions on short-supply export control decisions; and long-range forecasting and planning efforts for major commodities.

In this connection we believe it would be beneficial to explore with you the circumstances surrounding the decisions in June 1973 to impose temporary export controls over agricultural products.

We would appreciate the assistance of your office in our effort in providing information pertinent to our review.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Milgate
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Associate Director



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*Joseph Feary, Asst Director, and
Phil Thomas attended.*

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